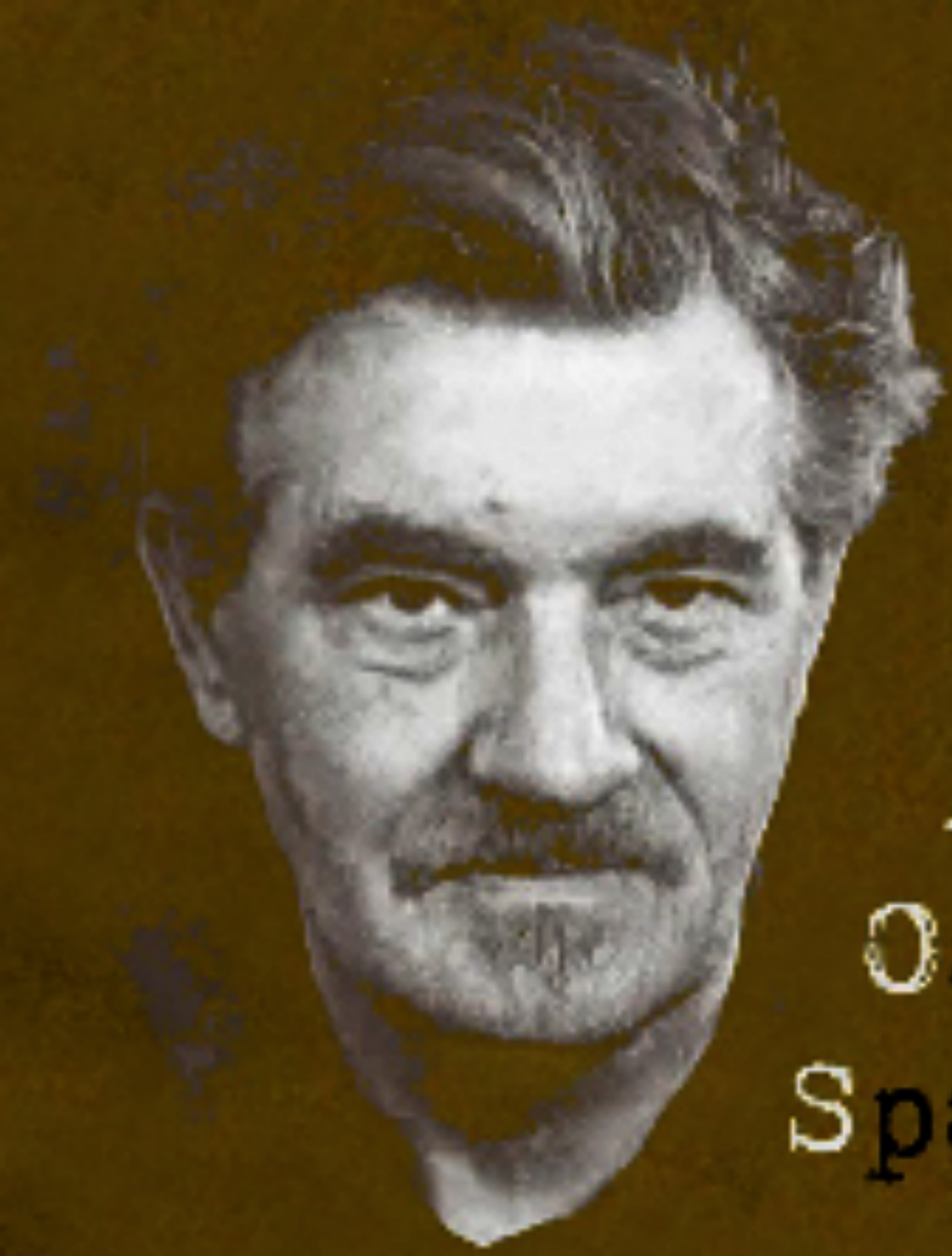


Austin Osman Spare

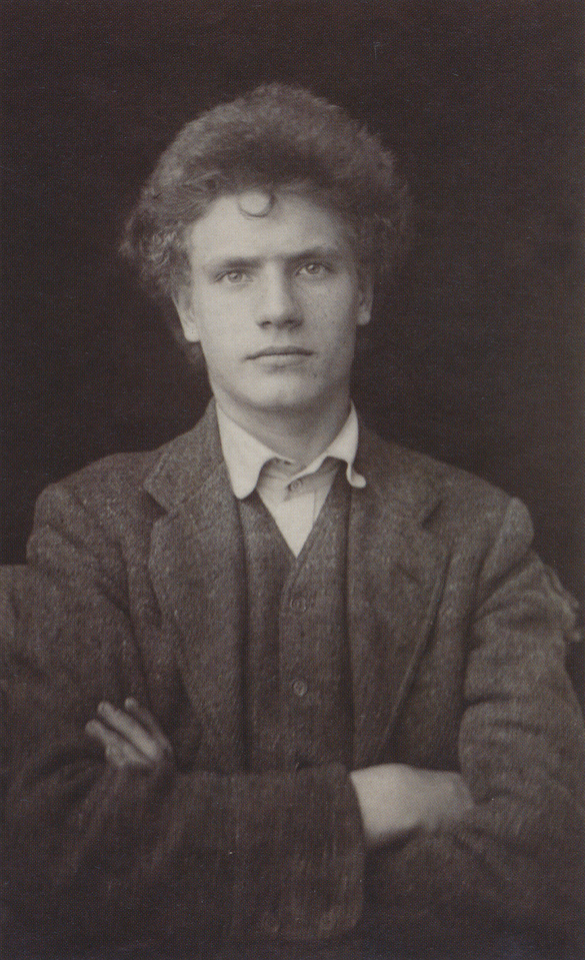
AN ACADEMY EXHIBITOR AT SEVENTEEN.

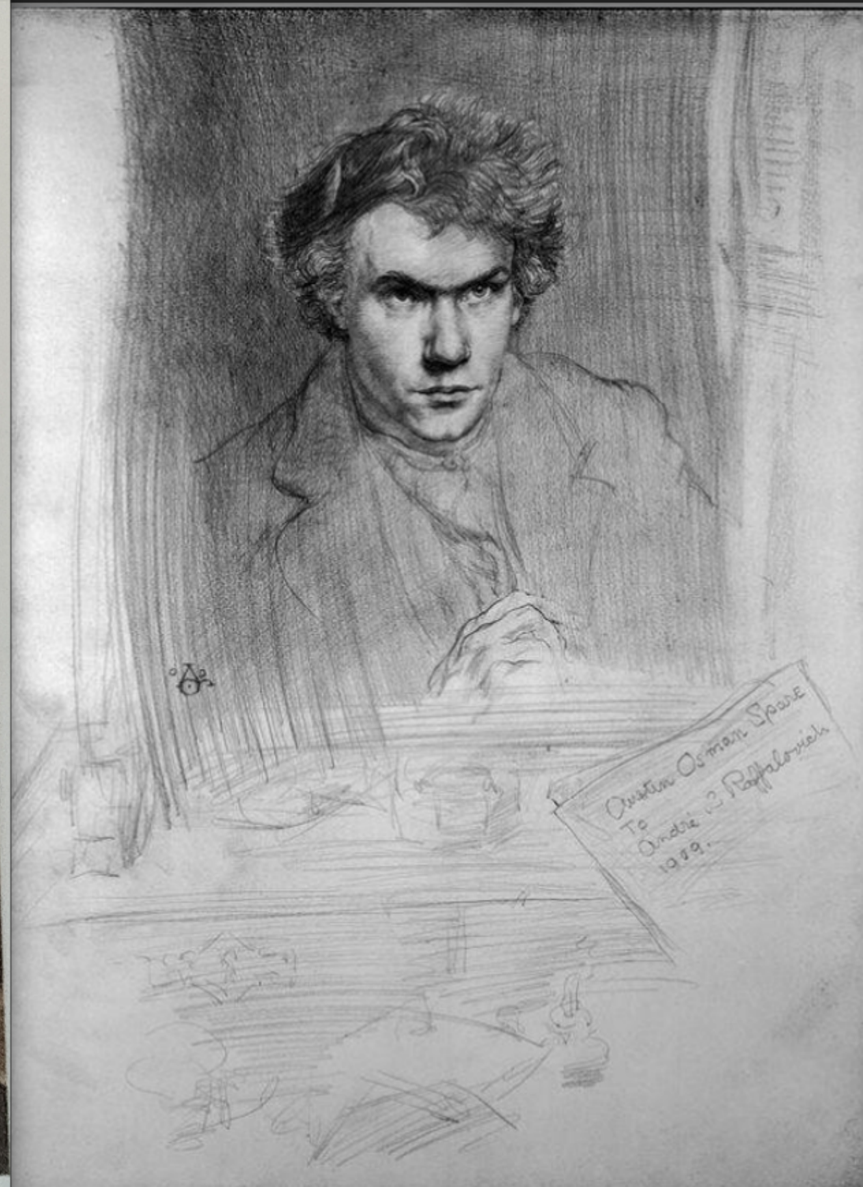
Austin Spare Talks about his Life.

DWELLING in a humble home in Kennington is a poor boy who has had the good fortune to win a considerable measure of fame at one fell swoop. His name is Austin Spare, and he is seventeen years of age. Six months ago no one in the outside world had ever heard of young Spare. Obscurity and a meagre wage seemed to be his permanent lot in life. What he should do to earn money he did not quite know. There was a chance of his becoming a telegraph messenger. It was of the utmost importance that he should contribute towards his own keep, for his father, who had been a constable in the City of London Police Force, was none too well off. Altogether Austin Spare's outlook was not bright.

MR. AUSTIN SPARE.
(*From a Photograph.*)

Austin Osman Spare
aged 17




Austin Osman Spare
To
André B. Raffalovich
1909.

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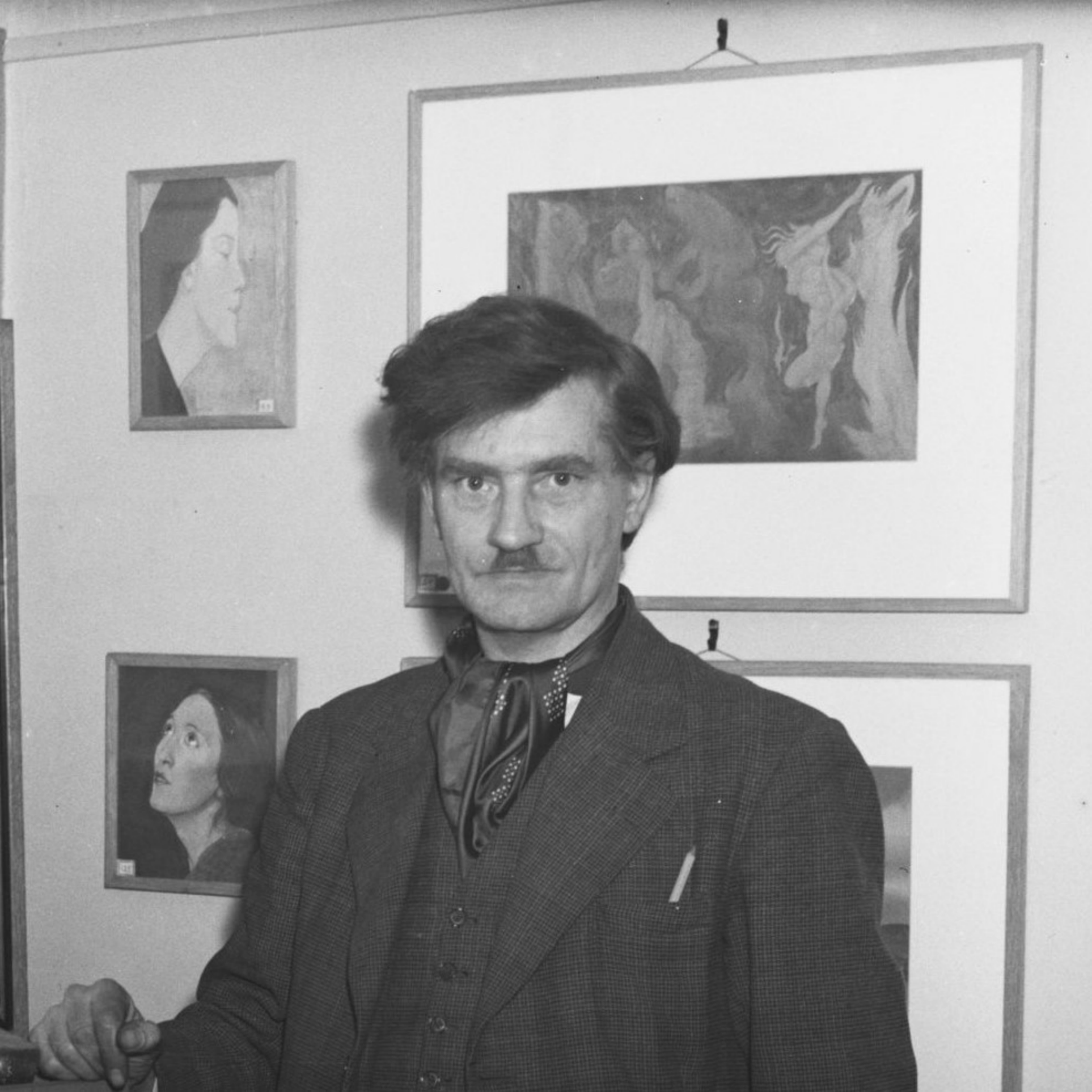

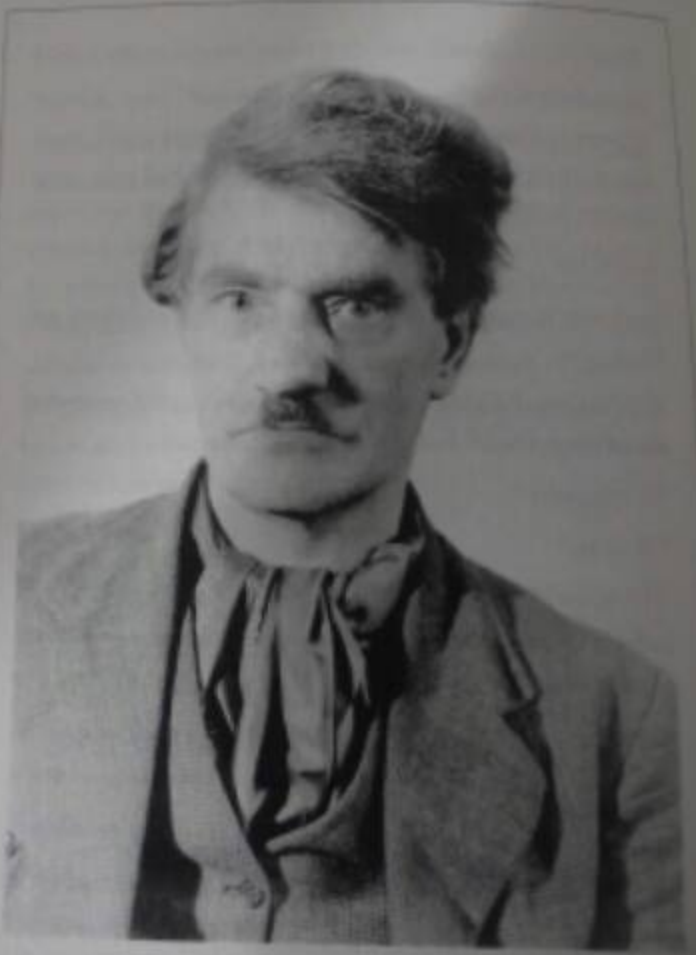

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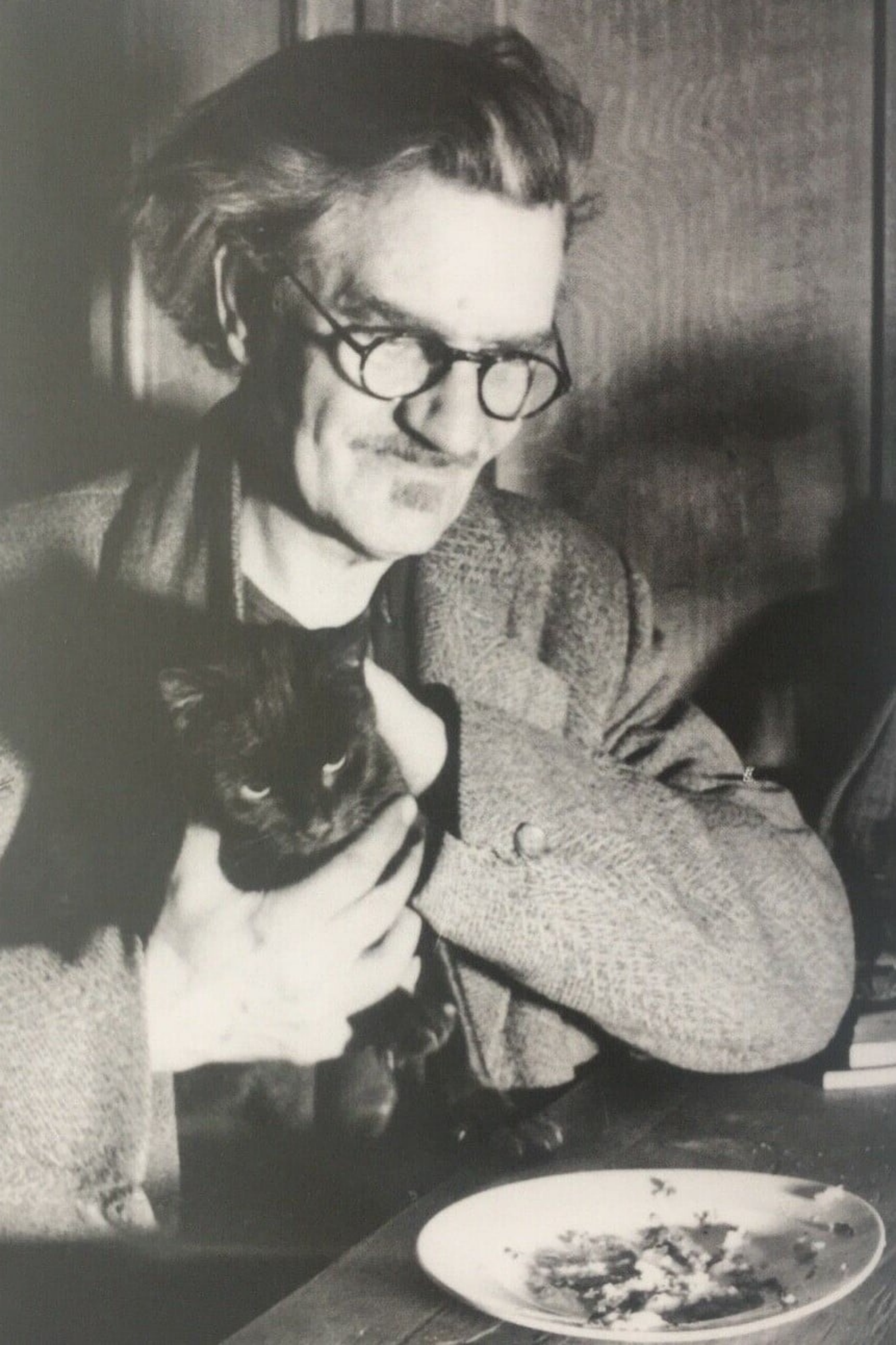

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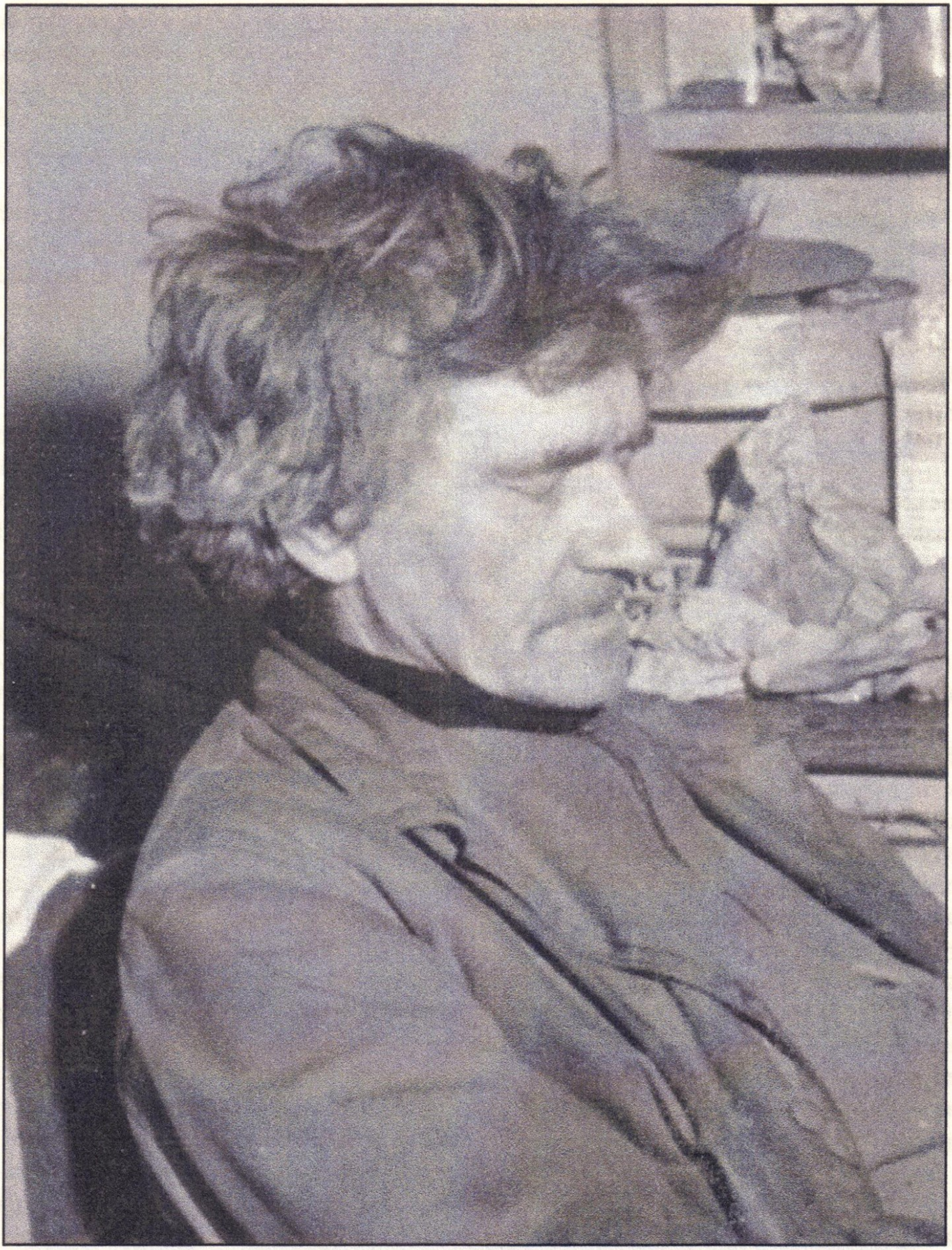
Austin Spare, who demonstrated his profound belief in the spirit world, at work on a canvas.

Austin Osman Spare, *c.* 1948.



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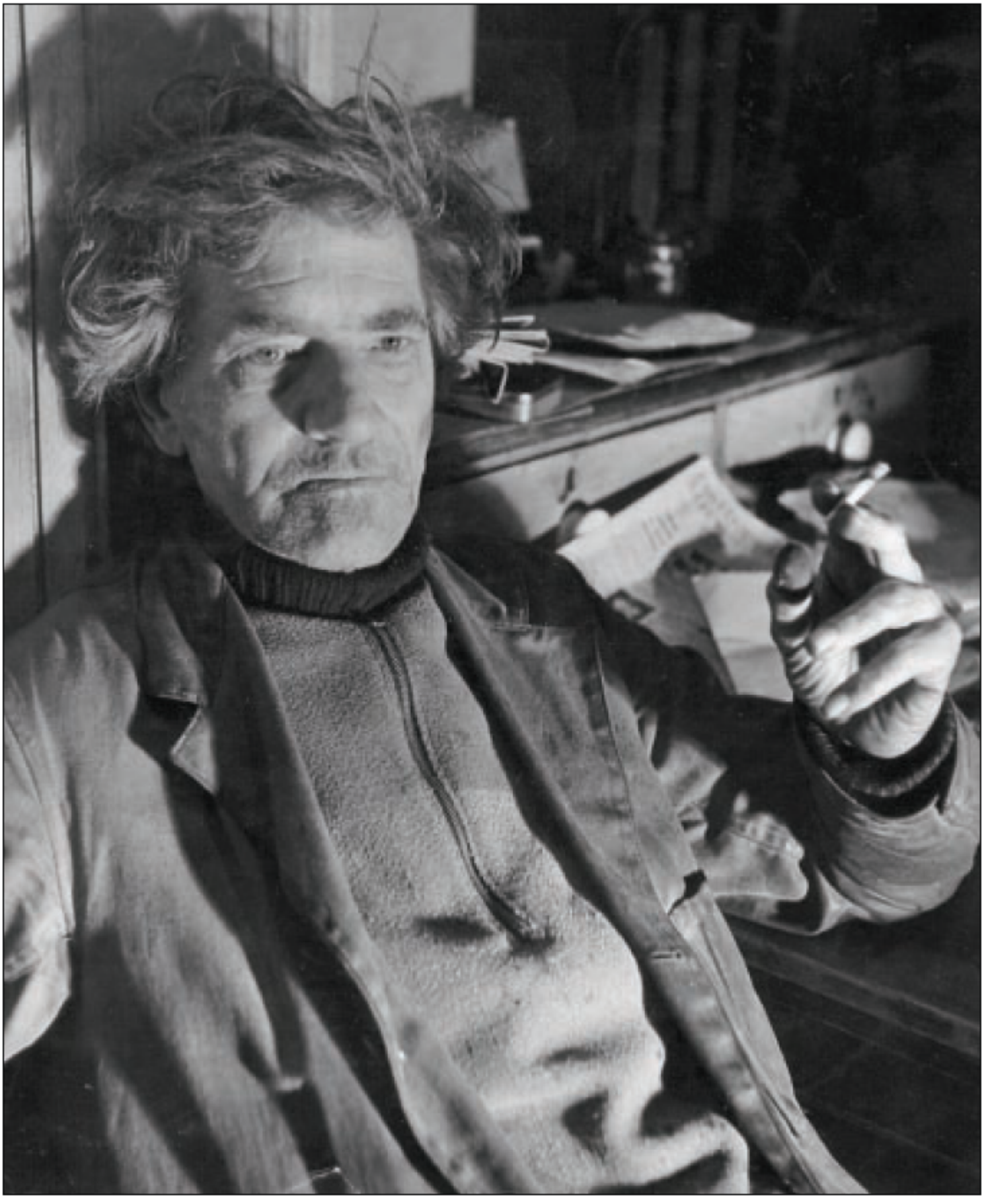

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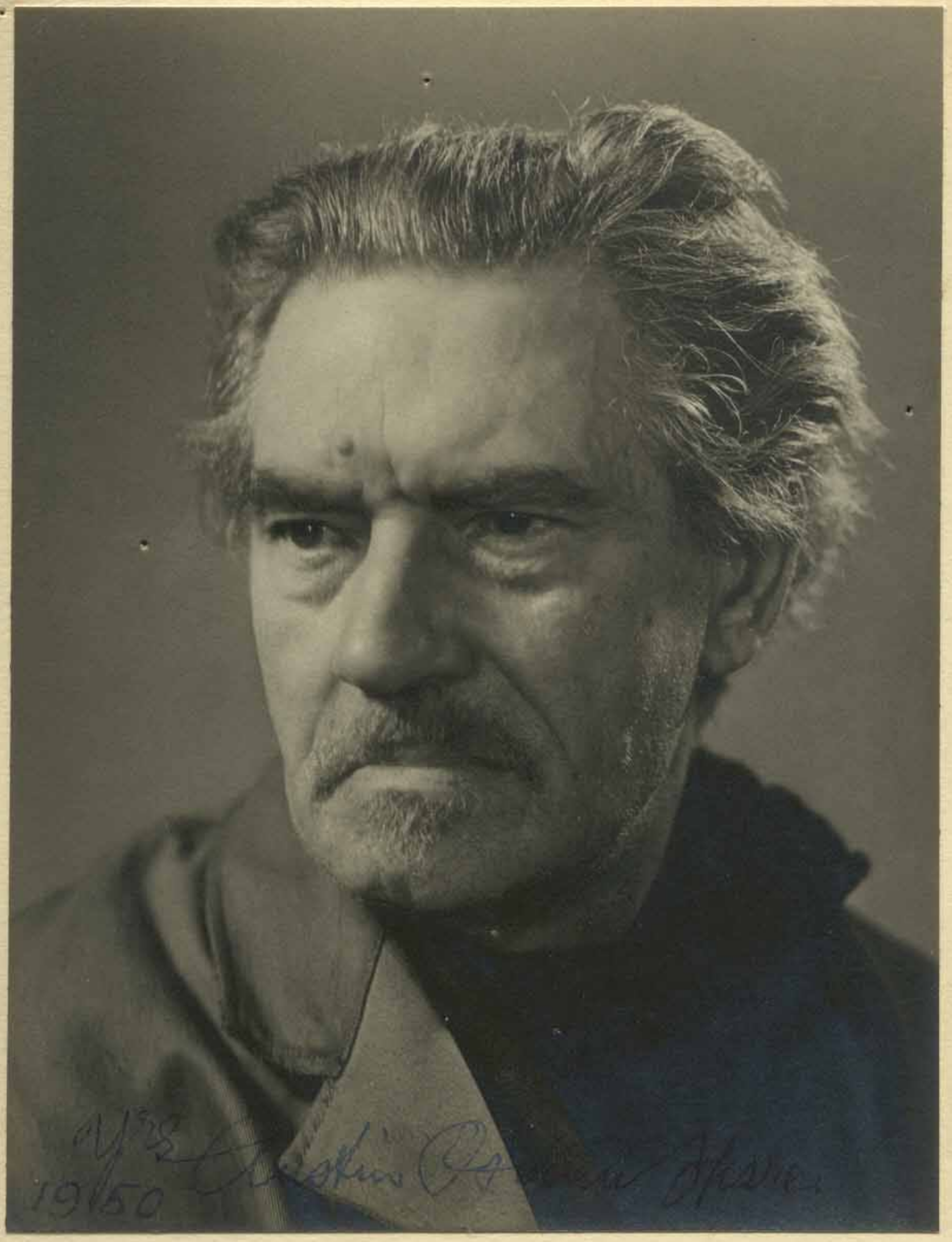

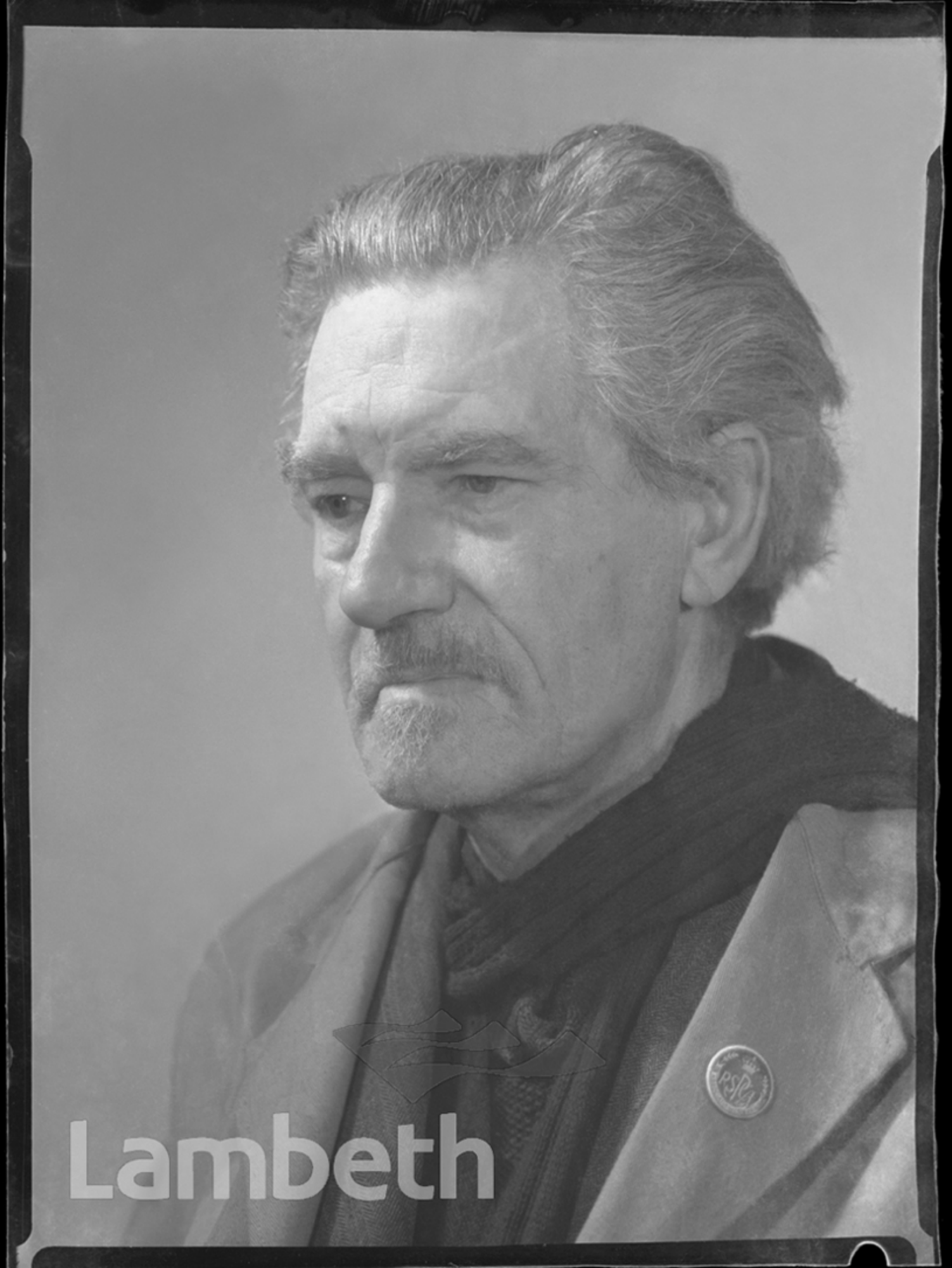

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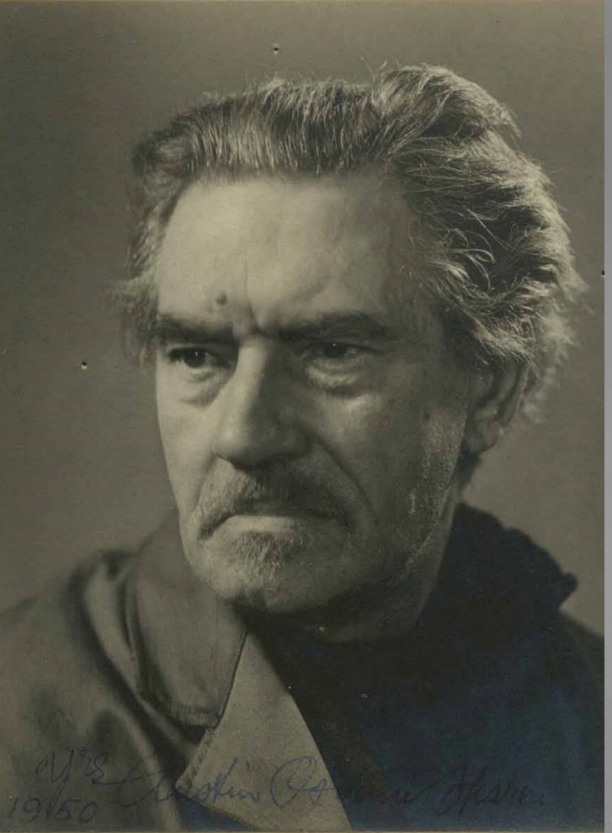

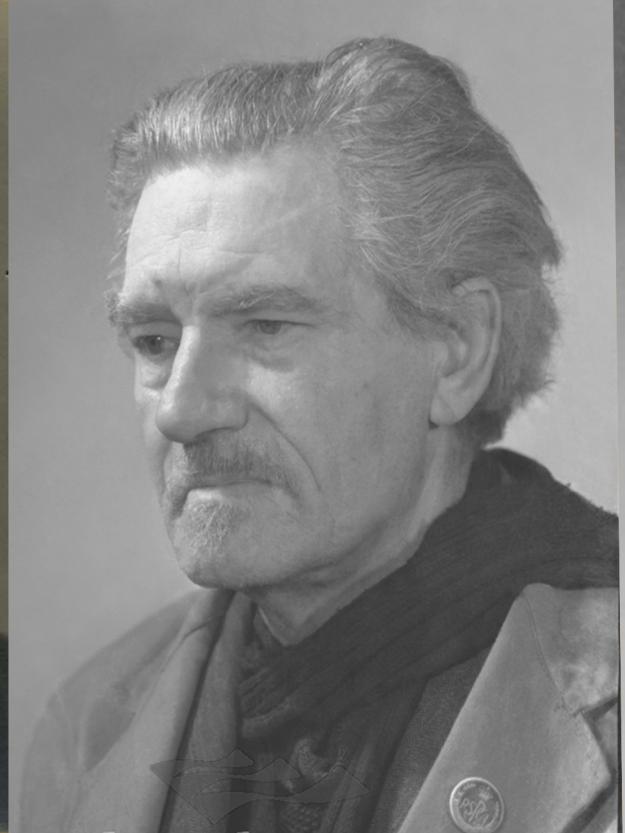

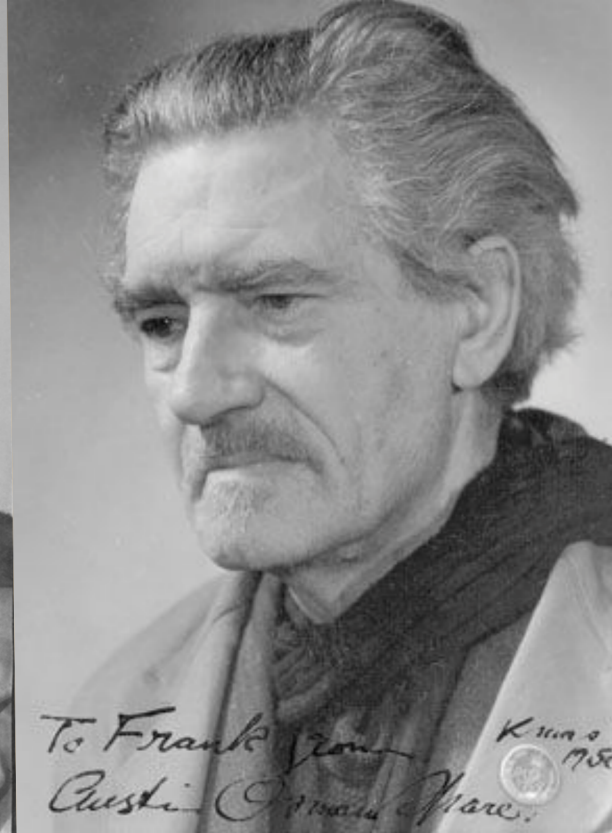
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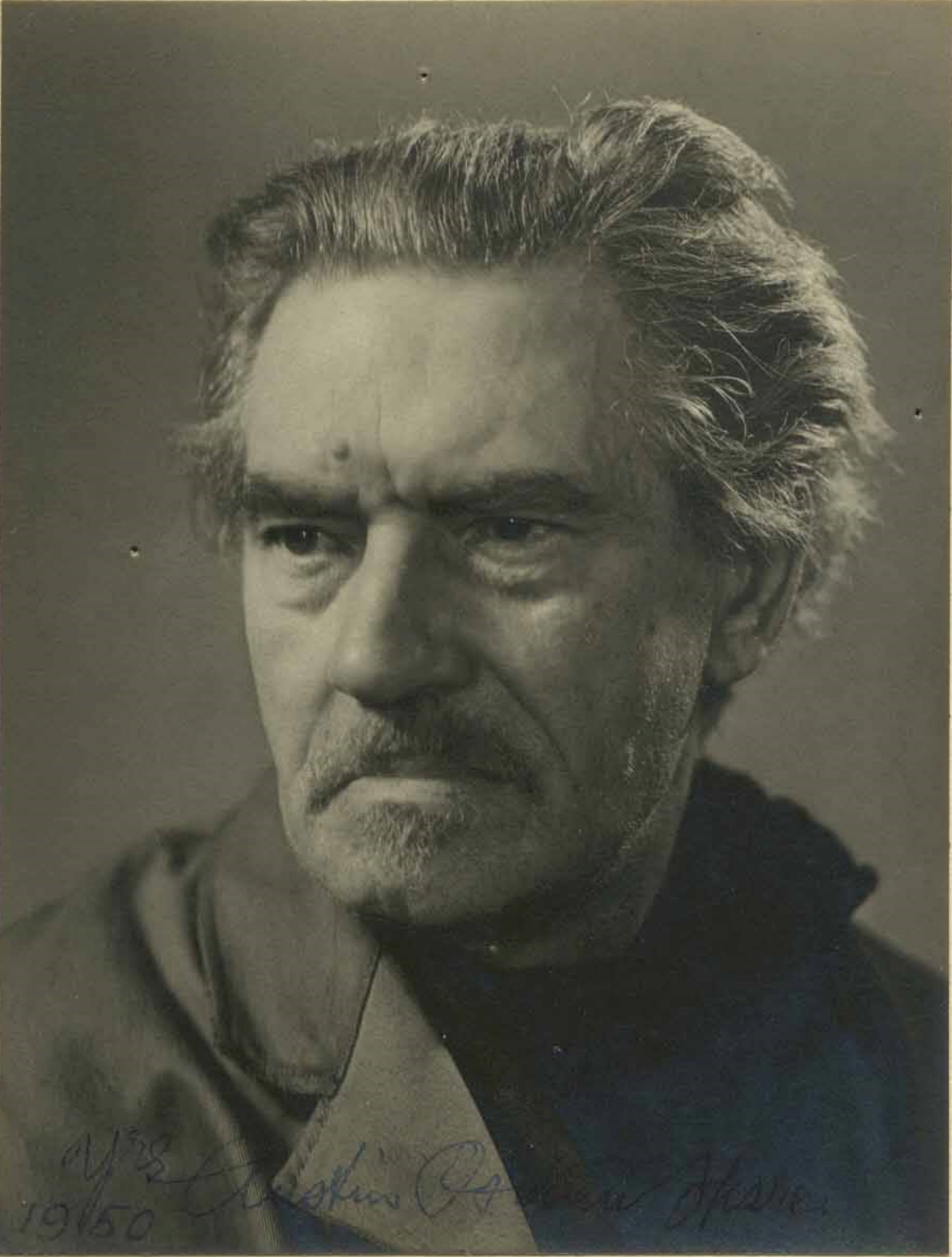

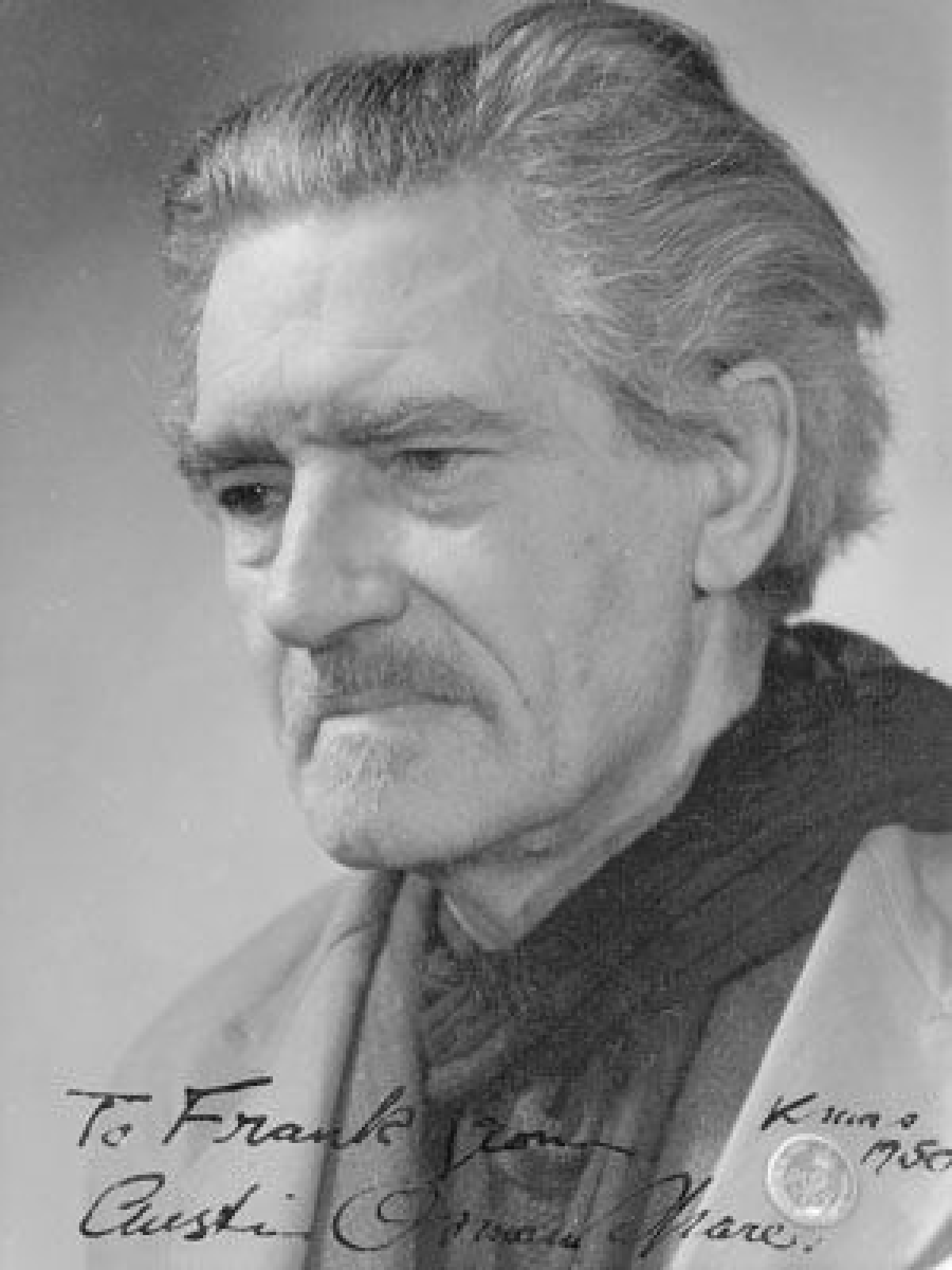
To Frank
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The artist shows visitors around at his Mansion House exhibition, 1952

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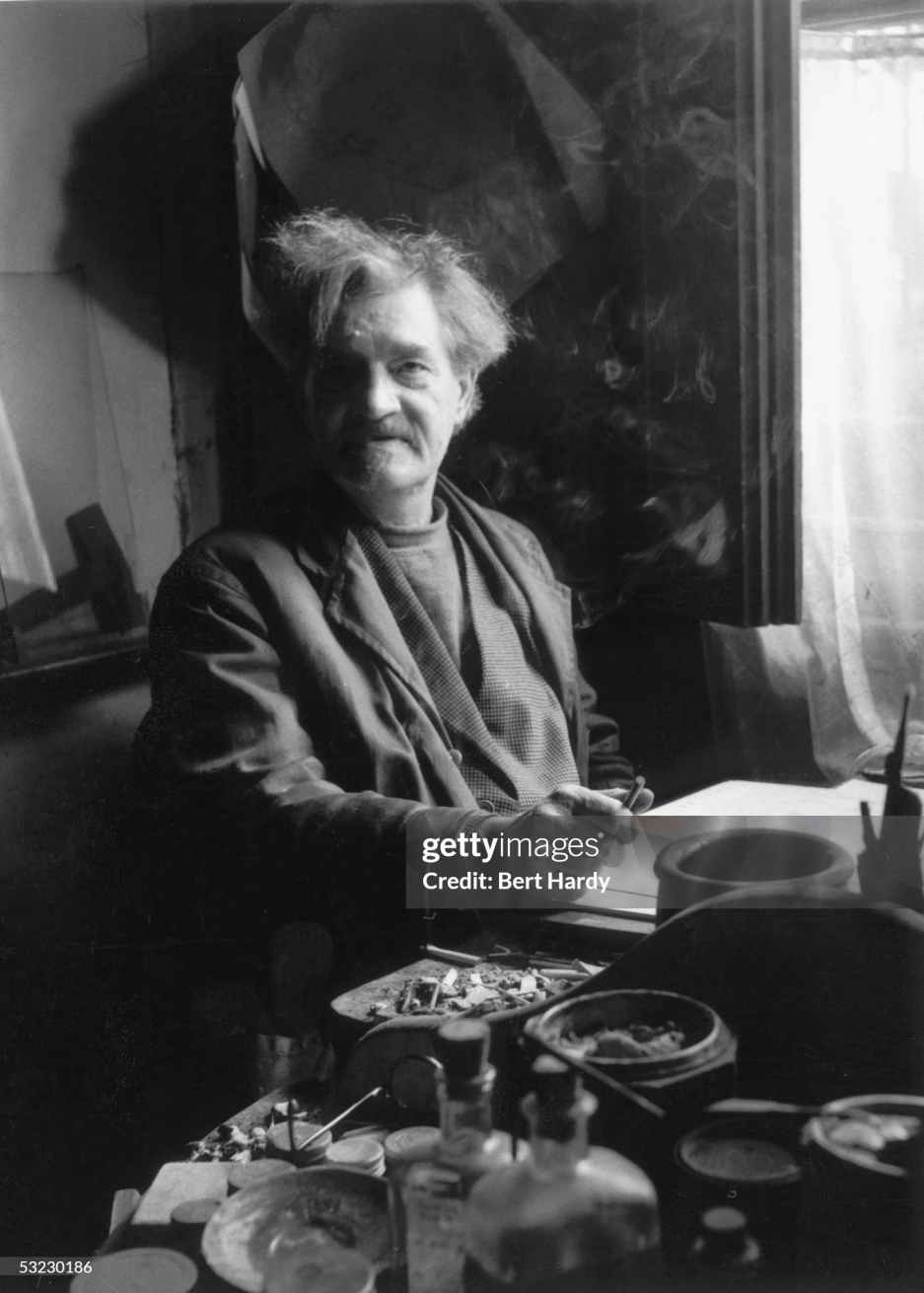

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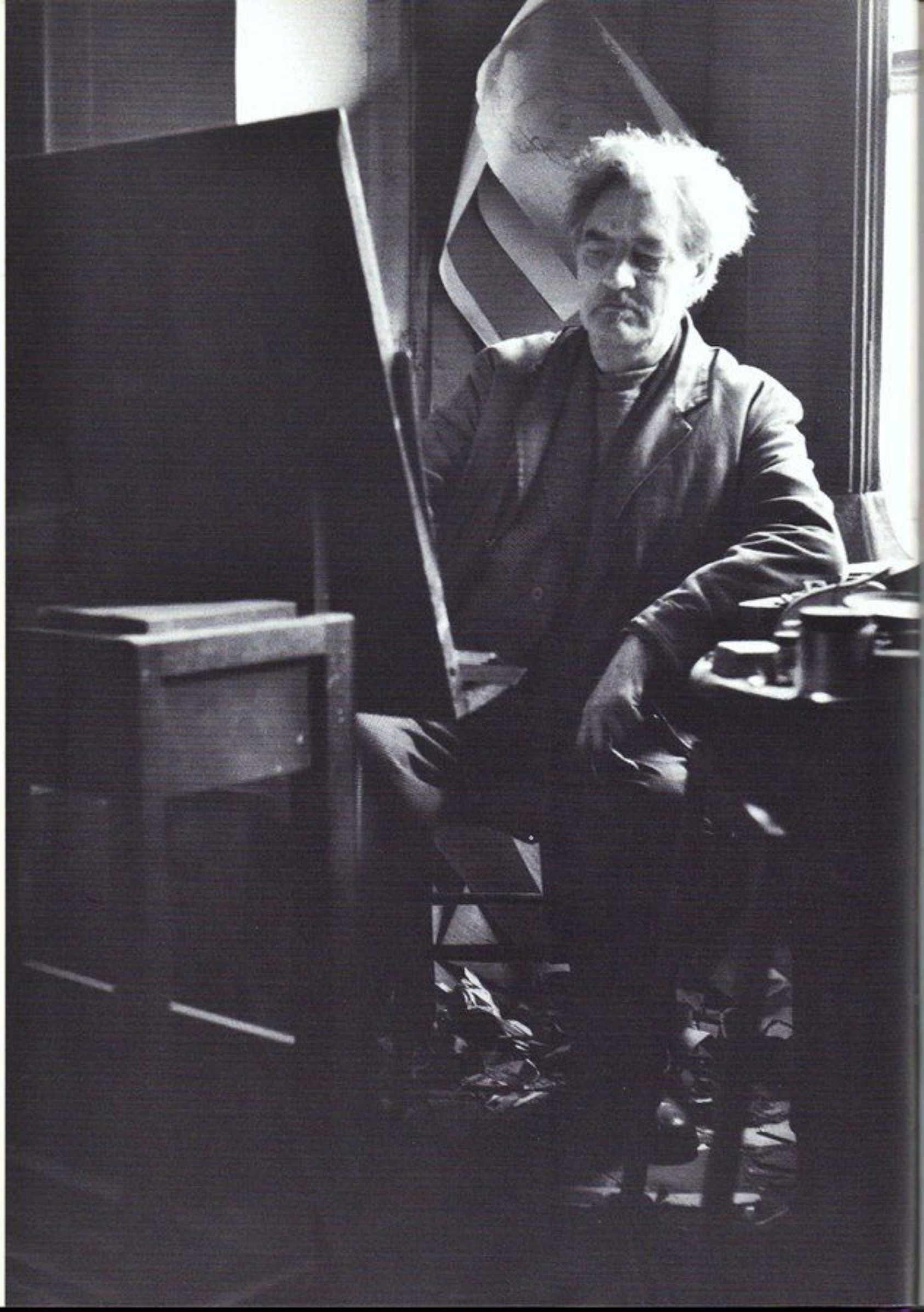

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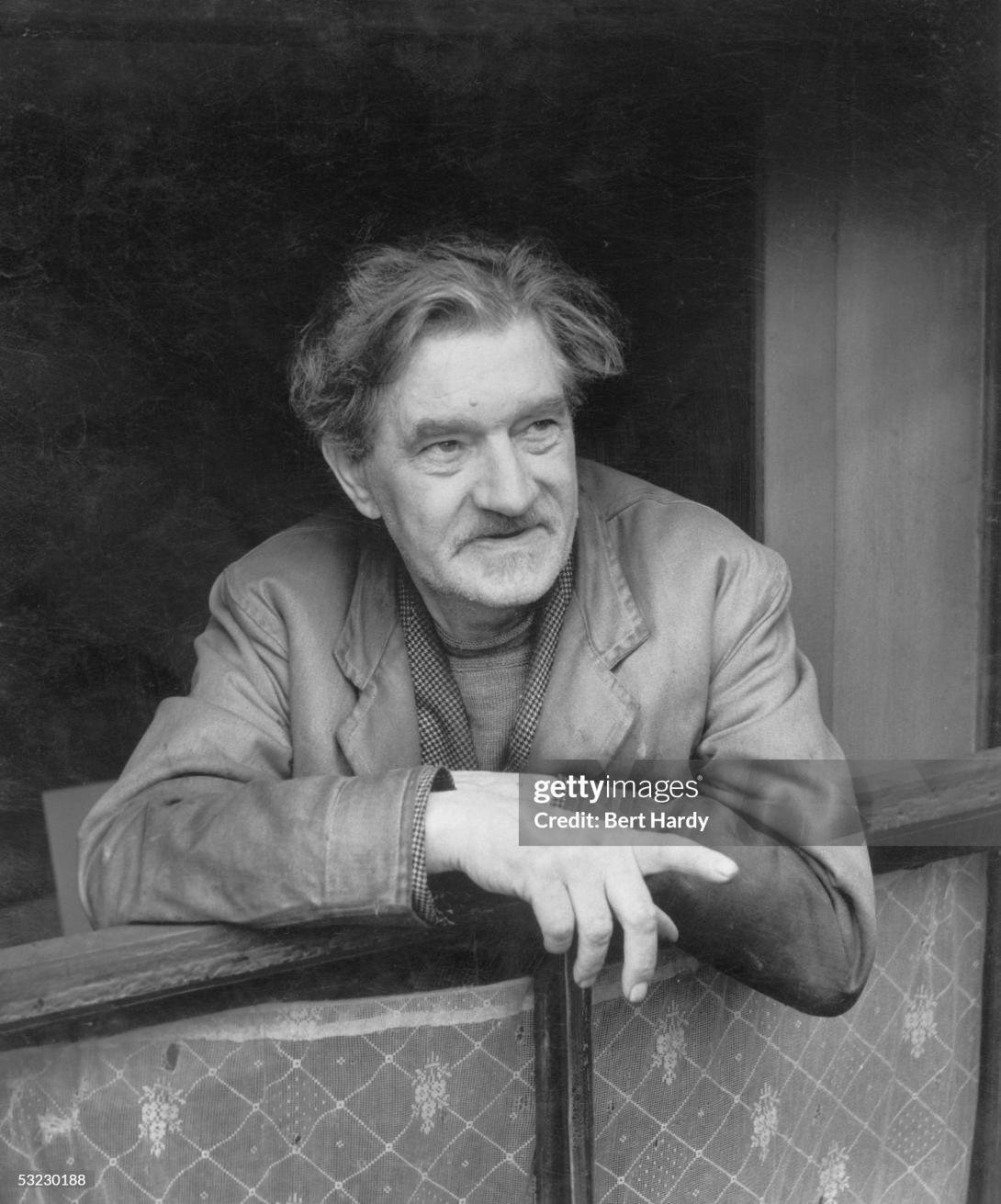
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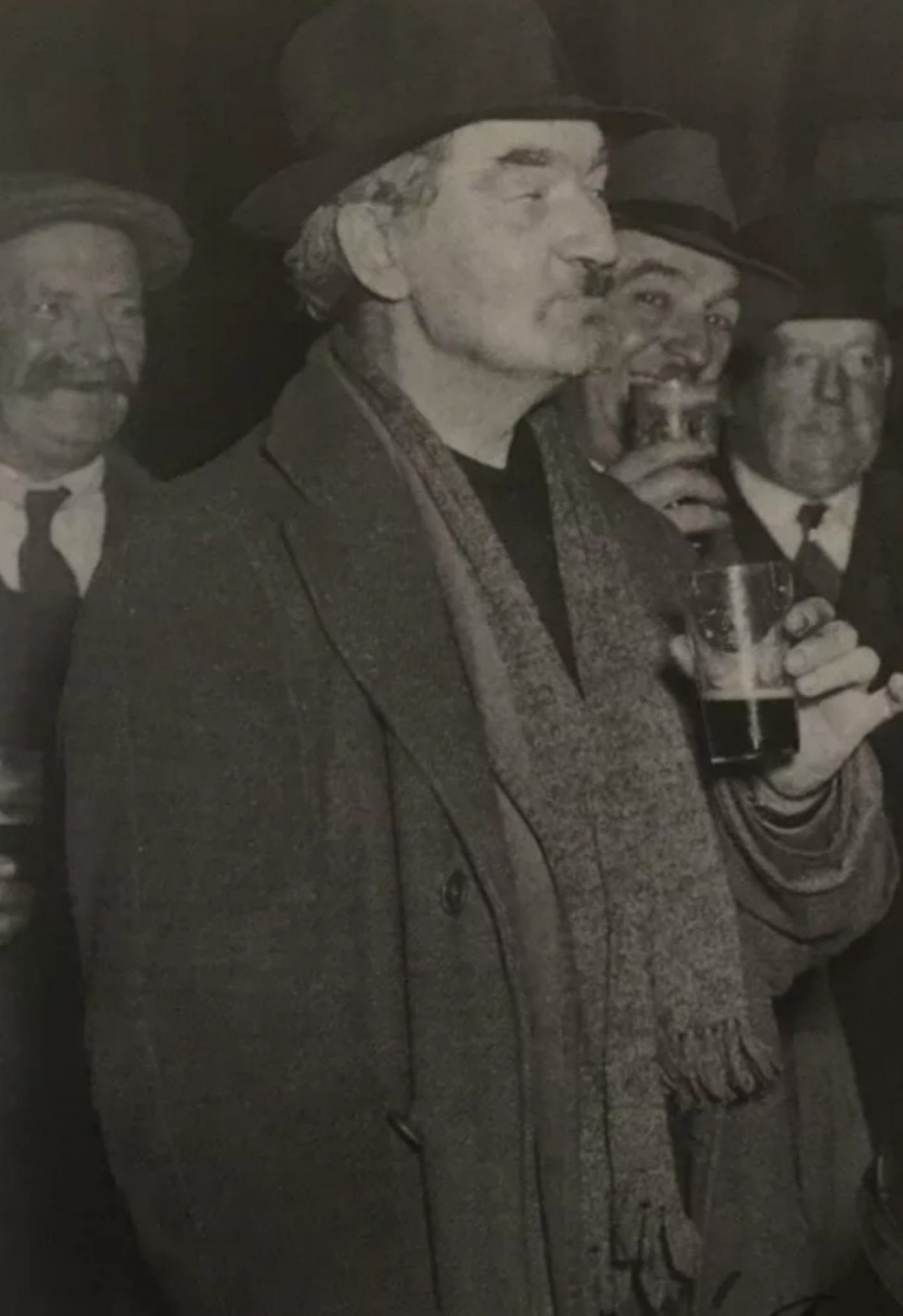
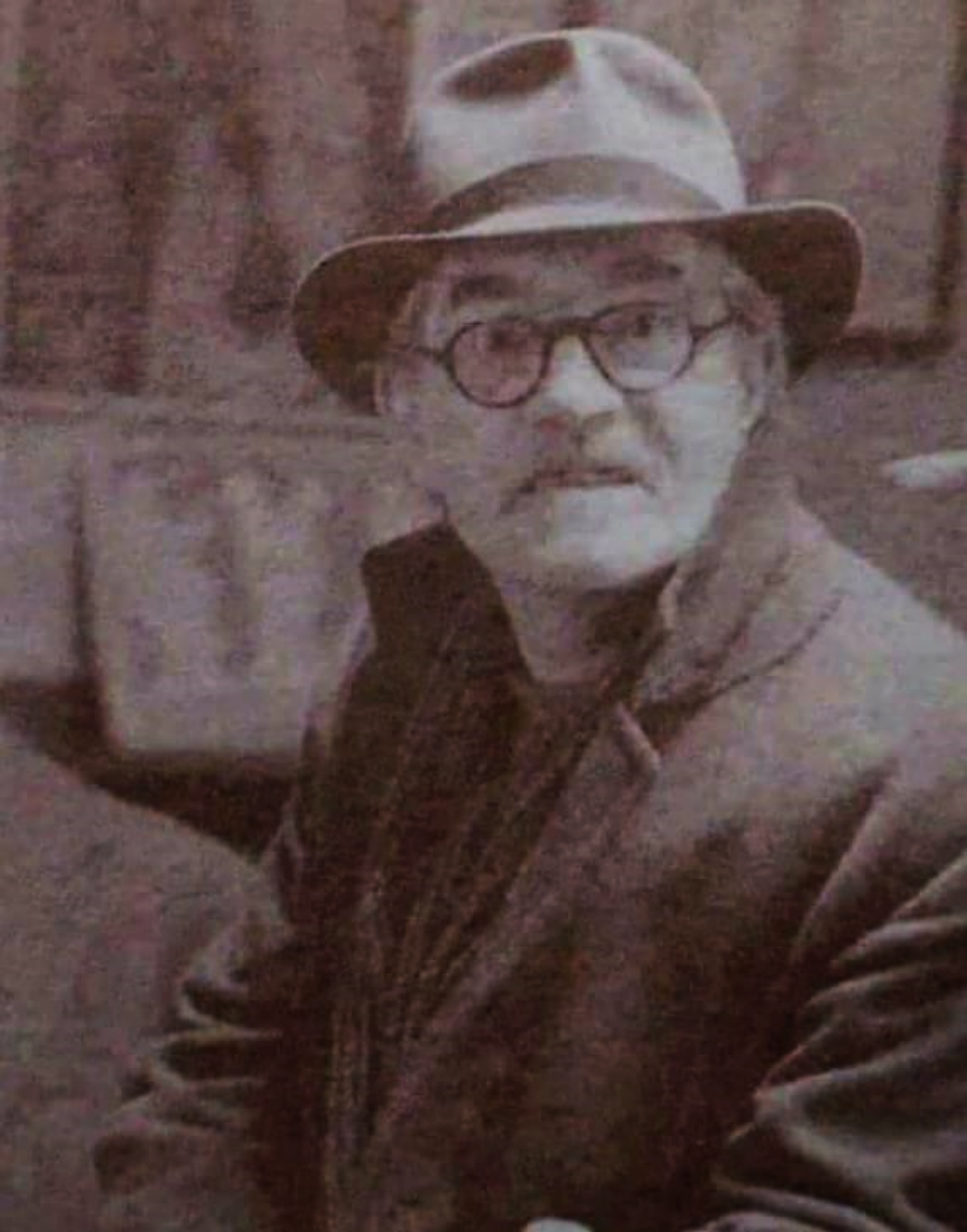
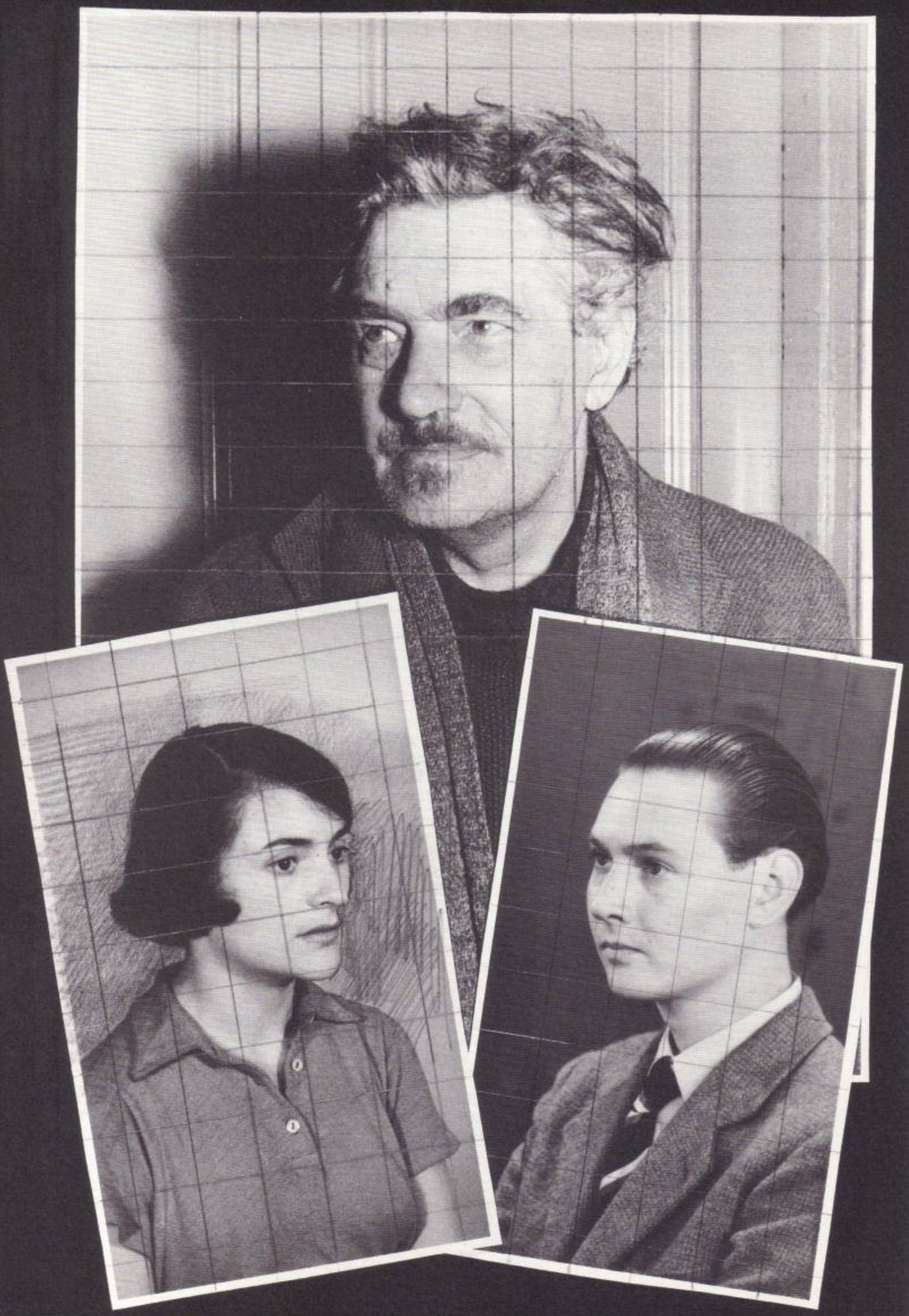
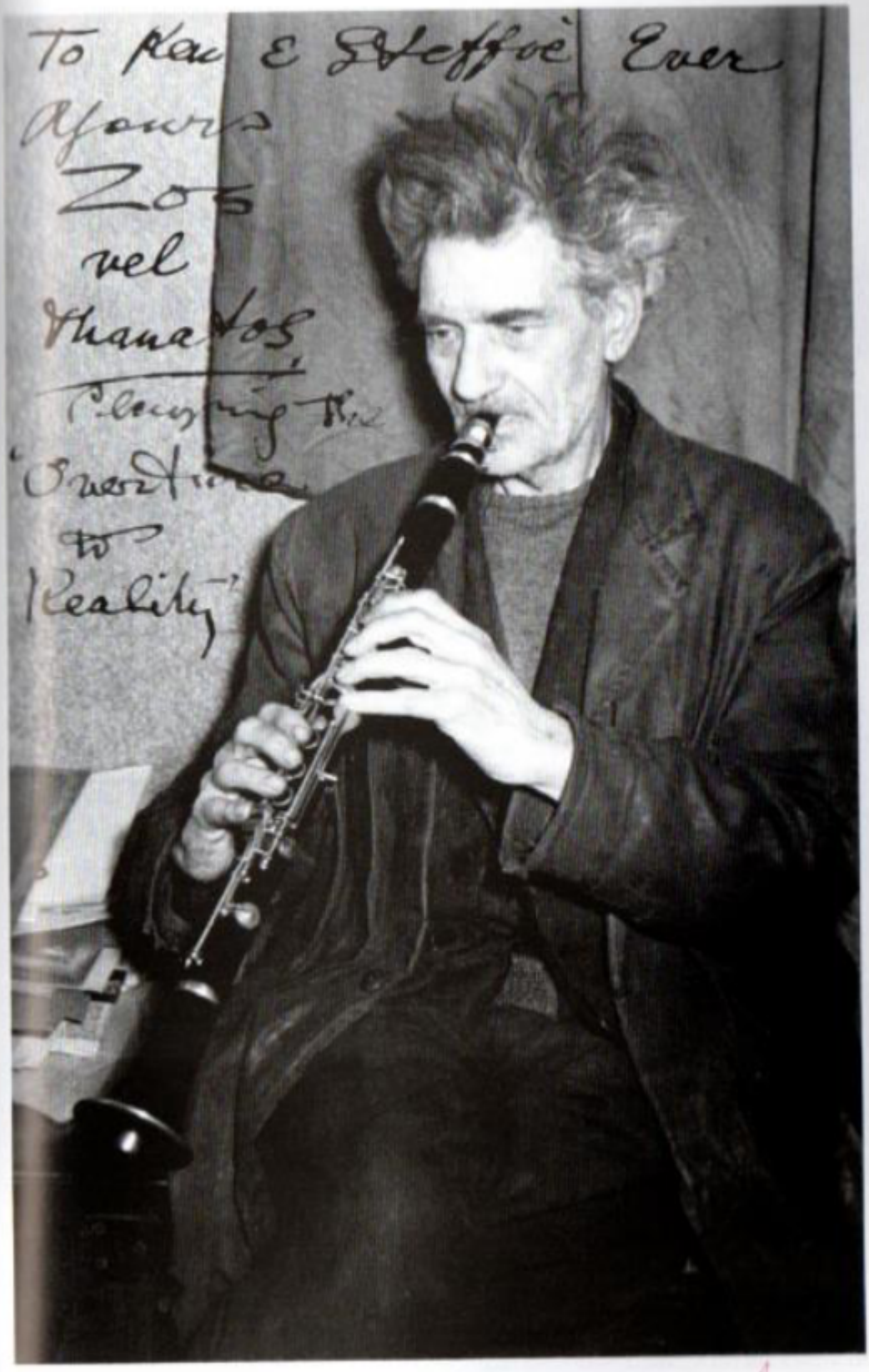


MYSTERY OF AN ARTIST

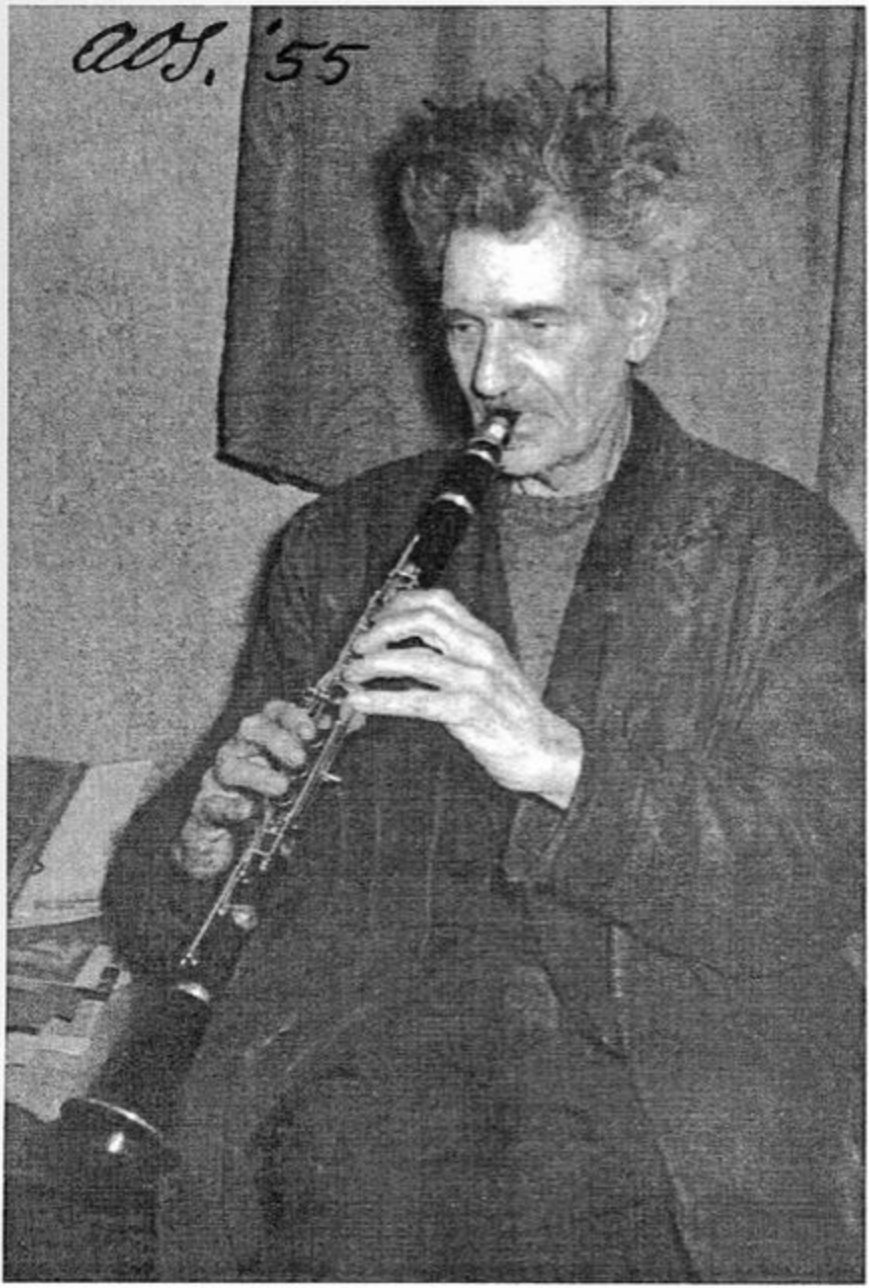
AUSTIN OSMAN SPARE





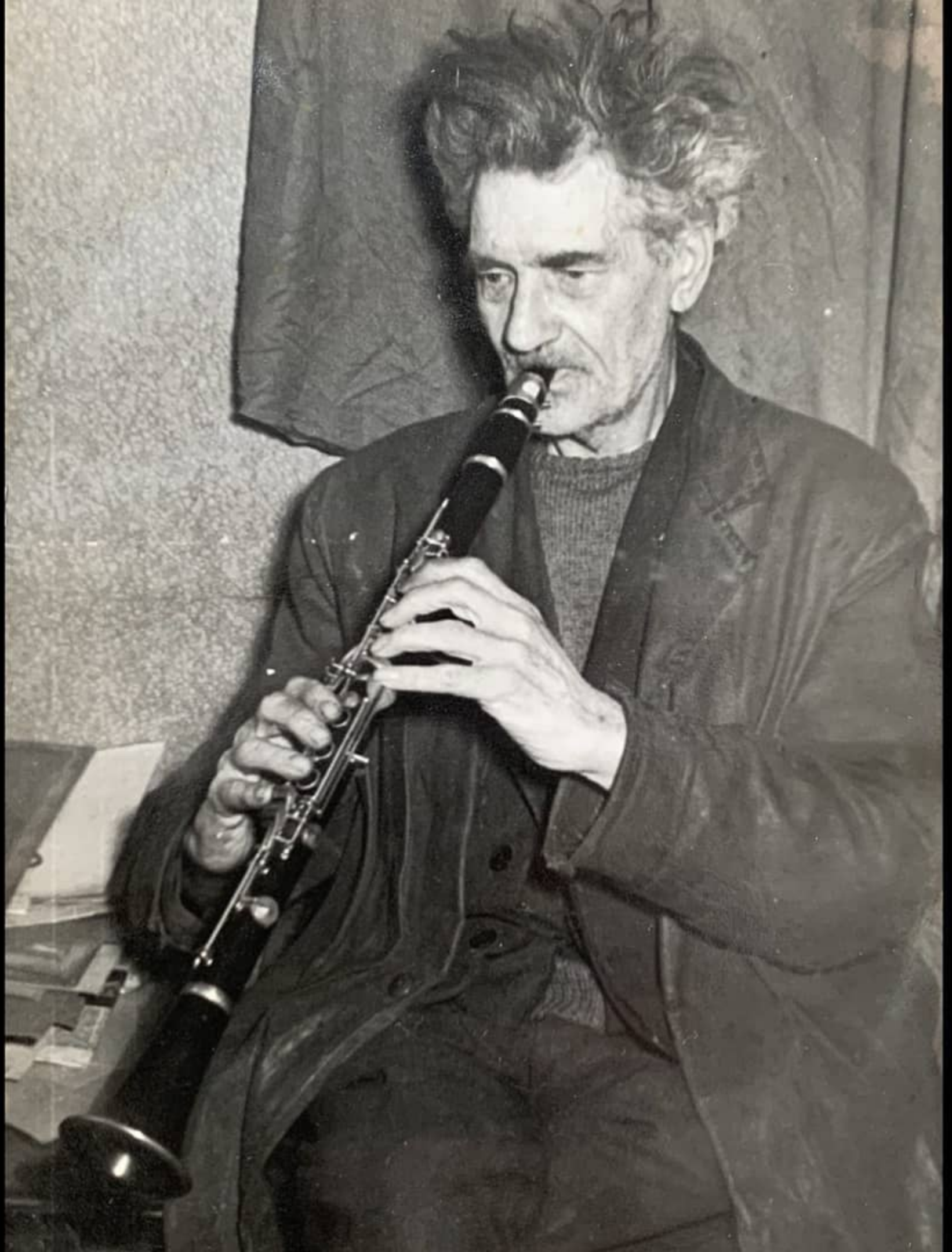


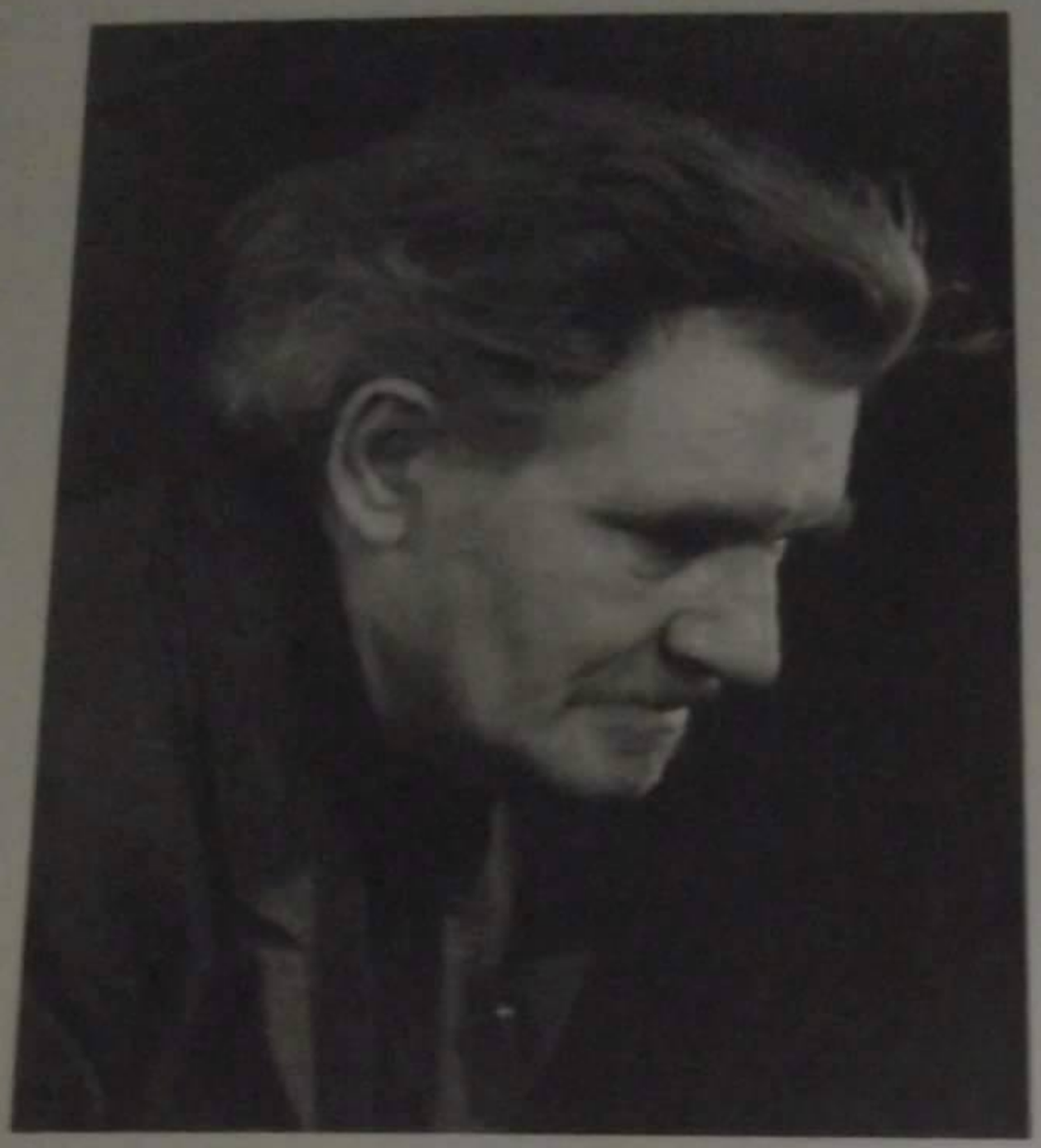
16. Austin Osman Spare *circa* 1954.



Improvising on original theme! A.O.S.

"Libation to the Gods"





MORNING PRAYER

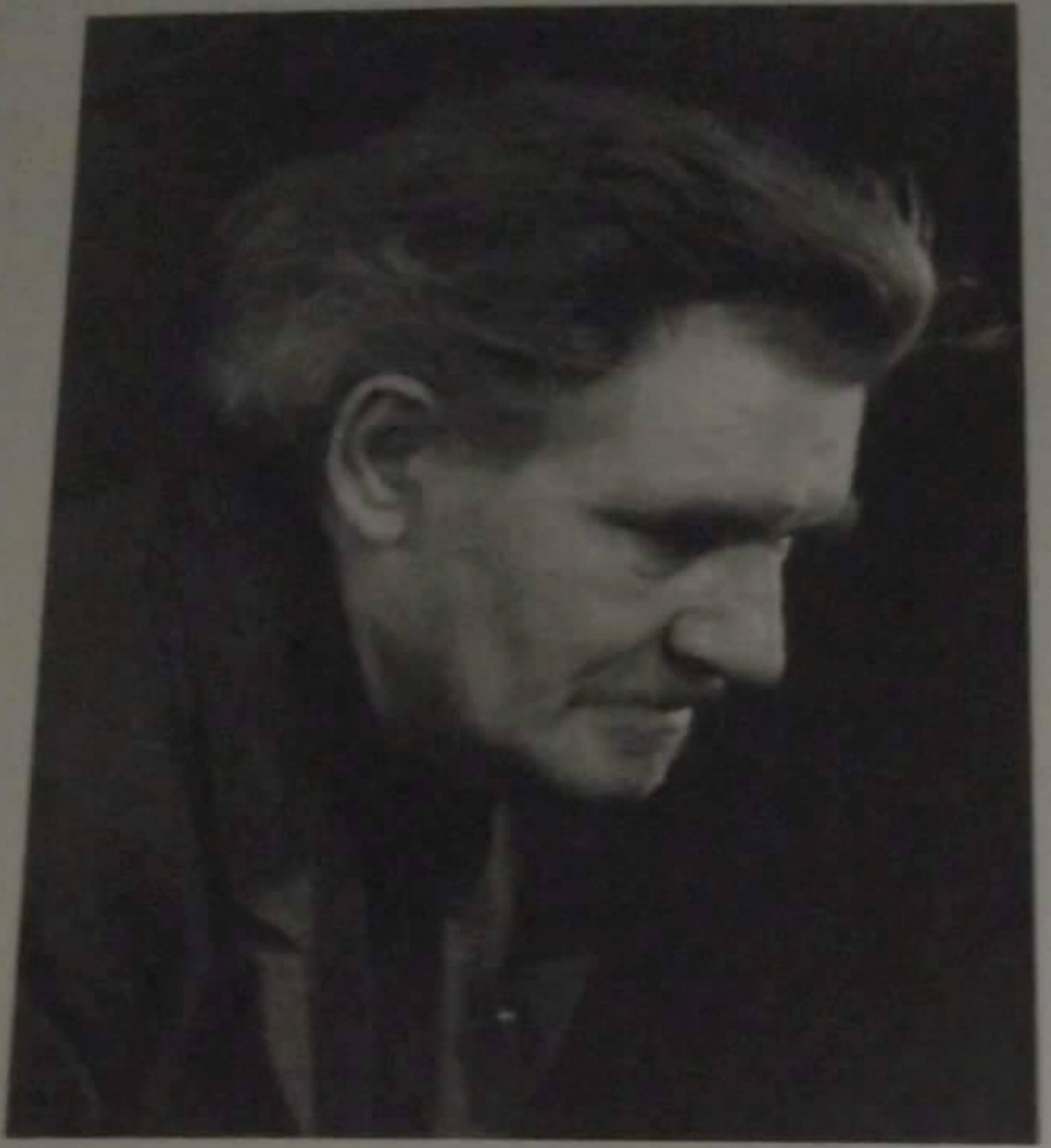
ADONAI

O Self, if I have not discovered thee in the mighty architecture of Nature, it is because thou art remote within me.

Can I feel thee in my senses within the passions that rise, consuming my attention entire?

O thou Greater One! let thy light shine in my darkness that I may not neglect to see thee everywhere.

Let all nature speak of thee — let me not be deaf to thy resounding Name.



austin osman spare

family tree

JOHN SPARE — ESTHER NEWTON

JOHN OSMAN — SARAH ASH

PHILIP NEWTON SPARE
27:12:1857

MARRIED
10:12:1879

ELIZA ANN ADELAIDE OSMAN
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SUSAN ANN ["CISSY"] SPARE
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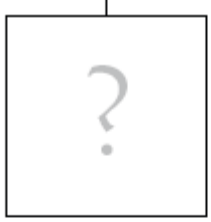

JOHN SPARE
1886

WILLIAM HERBERT ["WILL"] SPARE
18:8:1883

ELLEN VICTORIA ["VICKY"] SPARE
8:8:1900

AUSTIN OSMAN SPARE
30:12:1886

MARRIED
4:9:1911

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